

Senate Study Bill 3050 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to mowing on rights-of-way and medians of
2 interstate highways, primary highways, and secondary roads.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 317.19, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The board of supervisors may appropriate moneys to
4 be used for the purposes of controlling or eradicating
5 weeds or brush within the right-of-way of roads under county
6 jurisdiction in a manner consistent with the county's program
7 of weed control or eradication pursuant to [section 317.13](#),
8 ~~except as provided in [section 314.17](#).~~

9 Sec. 2. REPEAL. Section 314.17, Code 2022, is repealed.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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Under current law, Code section 314.17 prohibits mowing
14 roadside vegetation on rights-of-way and medians of primary
15 highways, interstate highways, and secondary roads prior to
16 July 15 unless the mowing is done within 200 yards of an
17 inhabited dwelling; on rights-of-way within one mile of the
18 corporate limits of a city; to promote native species of
19 vegetation or other long-lived and adaptable vegetation; to
20 establish control of damaging insect populations, noxious
21 weeds, and invasive plant species; for visibility and safety
22 reasons; within rest areas, weigh stations, and wayside
23 parks; within 50 feet of a drainage tile or tile intake; for
24 access to a mailbox or for other accessibility purposes; or
25 on rights-of-way adjacent to agricultural demonstration or
26 research plots.

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This bill repeals Code section 314.17, eliminating the
28 roadside mowing prohibition. The bill makes conforming changes
29 to Code section 317.19.